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THEO AND THE CONVICT.

How a Little Boy Led a Victim to Drink Out of a New and Useful Life.

"You may speak, if you wish," said the chaplain. No. 13 stopped in his work and went up to Theo, who had accompanied his mother to the prison, where she had gone to distribute white-ribbon bouquets.

But, No. 13 did not speak, at least not at first, although his heart was full of thoughts that were longing for expression. Chaplain Mills knew this from his face, for that chaplain could read his men like a book—and since speech was denied the poor fellows, their thoughts and feelings spoke through their faces.

No. 13 did not speak to Theo, but he touched him as tenderly as a child would touch a flower. He took both of the lad's hands in his, he put his arm about Theo's waist, he patted his head, and did so many other unlooked for things that the boy felt almost foolish to be thus dealt with. His mother and the chaplain were standing by, so he was not afraid—it is a place to make one nervous, you know.

"He's just your age now, my Tom is," Ah, No. 13 had spoken at last, and these words showed why he had taken such an interest in Theo.

"Does Tom live in your town?" asked Theo, thinking that he must say something.

"O, no, he's over in the old country," replied the man; and then he looked at his striped suit and sighed heavily.

"Then I know that he can play cricket like everything, if he's an English boy," said Theo. "I wish I knew him."

"I wish you did," said the father, "but it is no use to wish. He does not know in what sort of a house his father lives." And the man looked frowningly upon the grim iron bars all about him.

"Perhaps he never will," said Theo. "Perhaps not," said No. 13, "but I must go to my broom-making now. It isn't often that a boy of Tom's age comes in here. That is why I had to."

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No. 13's term was shortened because of good behavior, and at last the Sabbath came when he was dismissed from his hard service.

When the boy went to him for his usual talk, at the close of the address, the man said: "I want you to be the one to let me out of the prison, Theo. You've let me out of a good many things worse than this place, bad as it is."

"I don't know what you mean," replied Theo, with a puzzled look.

"What I mean is this," replied No. 13. "You got me out of that hateful way of thinking about everybody and blaming everyone for my being here, when only liquor and I were to blame, and you've led me out of my sins, for since I've seen you I've begun to pray, and I believe that God has heard my prayers and saved my soul, and now—"

"Yes, the lad can lead you out," interrupted an officer.

So Theo opened the door, took the man by the hand and led him out again into the world of men.

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CARE OF THE TEETH.

To Preserve and Beautify Them Should Be the Aim of Every Man, Woman and Child.

Everybody admires a good set of teeth, and the owner of such is always to be envied. An excellent camphorated tooth powder which will not destroy the enamel of the teeth, and yet will render them white, is made of 7 drs. of precipitated chalk, one-half dr. of powdered camphor and 1 dr. of powdered orris root.

It is not sufficient to use only a tooth powder; a liquid dentifrice is pleasant and has a beneficial influence upon the gums. To make one, take 2 ozs. of borax, a quart of hot water and one teaspoonful each of tincture myrrh and spirits of camphor. Dissolve the borax in hot water, and when the water is cool add the other ingredients and bottle them for use. A few drops used in a little water form a delightful wash.

Yellow teeth, it is said, are usually indicative of bodily vigor, and very rarely white ones of a more fragile constitution.

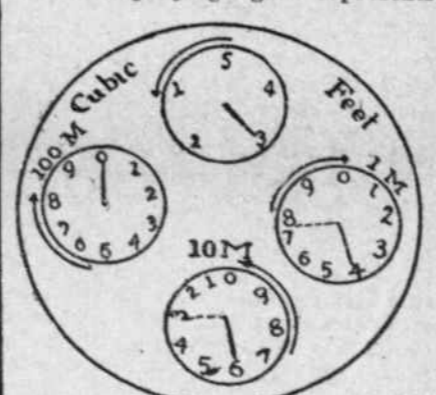
There is only one general rule to observe respecting the care of the teeth, and that is that they be kept immaculately clean and in perfect health. Their color then matters nothing, for their condition will prove that they are well attended to. Should the gums be tender and spongy, the general health, upon which the condition of the teeth so much depends, should be made the subject of inquiry.

A healing and soothing tooth powder is made of precipitated chalk 1 oz., of powdered borax one-half oz., of powdered myrrh one-fourth oz., and the same quantity of powdered orris root.—N. Y. Journal.

READING GAS METERS.

Careful Housekeepers Should Keep an Eye on Gas Bills to Prevent Overcharging.

The gas and water accounts, which form so large a part of the year's expenses, should be as closely scrutinized by the careful housekeeper as are the grocery and provision bills, and care should be taken to see that no overcharge is made. To do this, the principles on which the meters are operated should first be learned. The accompanying figure represents



FACE OF GAS METER.

the face of a gas meter. It will be noticed that the hands of alternate dials move in the same direction. The dial at the top registers fractions of a cubic foot and is used for test purposes only. The figures on the right-hand dial represent hundreds of cubic feet and when the hand has made one complete revolution a thousand cubic feet will have passed through. Each thousand feet will be checked on the lower dial until 10,000 is reached, when the hand of the last dial moves one point. It should be noted that the hands cannot be reset to zero and that, consequently, each reading should be preserved until the next one is taken and the former deducted from it. The dotted lines represent the position of the hands at a previous reading of the meter, namely 3,800 cubic feet. The hands now indicate 4,400 cubic feet. Minus 3,800 cubic feet would give 2,600 cubic feet as the amount of gas consumed during the quarter; at \$1.50 per 1,000 feet, your bill should be \$3.90.

A water meter is read in precisely the same way but the registration is more minute. The first dial is used only for testing. The next registers single feet, then tens, hundreds and so on. If, after deducting as shown above, you find you have used 2,526 cubic feet of water during the year, you must multiply this number by .748 to find the number of gallons, namely 18,994 gallons. This amount multiplied by the rate per thousand gallons (unless you pay for water by the faucet) will show the amount of your water bill.—Ernest R. Lowe, in Good Housekeeping.

Use of Lines in Rotation. Careful housewives see that their pieces of linen are used in rotation, for if one be on the table often, then another it is pretty sure to wear out long before the rest of the set.

Roquefort Cheese Industry. The milk of a single Roquefort sheep will in a year make about 30 to 40 pounds of cheese. In that district of France there are about 8,000 sheep devoted to the cheese industry.

Same Thing. Bragg—Miss Peppery acted as if she thought I was conceited. Did she say so?

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MRS. CLARENCE MACKAY.

New York Society Leader Who Is Called the Most Extravagant Woman in America.

Mrs. Clarence Mackay, the dashing leader of New York society, with a fortune of almost \$40,000,000 at her command, is credited with being the most extravagant young matron in America. She spends annually more than \$30,000 on her wardrobe, and this does not include her lavish expenditures for jewelry, which is her pet fad. With an assured Christmas present every year of \$25,000 for pin

Mrs. Mackay leans perceptibly toward fads, and one of her latest creations in this direction is to be found in her magnificent country home on Long Island, comprising a mansion and 700 acres of land, which was presented to her by her father-in-law, John W. Mackay. In this house Mr. Mackay has had constructed the most wonderful bath that has ever been seen in America. It was brought over from Italy and is cut from a solid block of marble, which cost something like \$20,000. The pool is sunk in the floor and five broad marble steps lead down to it. The water spouts from the mouths of exquisitely carved marble dolphins. Another feature of the bathroom is a great fireplace built into the side wall of the room. Each of the other 25 bathrooms in the house has a luxurious Pompeian bath let down in the marble floor in the same way.

It was Mrs. Mackay's own idea that each of her 30 servants should have a separate room. The rooms are small, but are sunny and comfortable.

Although spending fabulous sums every year upon gowns and the gratification of literary whims regarding fads, Mrs. Mackay is by no means neglectful of the more serious problems of life, says the Chicago Tribune. She gives fully as much to charity as she spends for her own pleasure, and makes it a rule never to